



**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
parks and recreation**

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Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

Tuesday, January 22, 2008
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Conference Room
401 N. Morton St.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Carter at 4:05 p.m.

Board Present: John Carter, Les Coyne, Joe Hoffmann

Staff Present: Mick Renneisen, Judy Seigle, Ellen Campbell, Becky Barrick, Daren Eads, Paula McDevitt, Angie Smith, JD Boruff, Kristy LeVert, Leslie Brinson, Cheryl Elmore, Bev Johnson, Dee Tuttle, Julie Ramey, Dave Williams, Kim Ecenbarger, John Turnbull

City Administration: Mayor Mark Kruzan

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A-1. Approval of Minutes of December 11, 2007 Meeting
- A-2. Approval of Claims Submitted December 12, 2007 – January 21, 2008
- A-3. Approval of Non-Reverting Budget Amendments
- A-4. Review of Business Report

Mr. Coyne made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Mr. Hoffmann seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPEARANCES

B-1. Public Comment Period

Mr. Carter acknowledged the attendance of students from the HPER R466 class.

B-2. Parks Partner Award – Associates of Integrative Health

Ms. Barrick addressed the Board and stated that the Fall/Winter Parks Partners Award is being presented to the Associates of Integrative Health (AIH). AIH is a multifaceted education organization dedicated to training high quality massage practitioners. It was founded in 2001 by Jo Vorwald. She and her husband recently relocated to North Carolina, however, Jo remains dedicated to the Bloomington school and is currently working to open another center in North Carolina that will focus on workshops and other aspects of the program. AIH has sponsored many events in the form of gift certificates, monetary sponsorships and on-site massages. They have sponsored such events as: Senior Expo, Children's Expo, Simply Living Fair, Bloomington Bike Week, A Maze'n October, Canine Carnival, Egg Scramble, Peoples University, the Performing Arts Series and the Hoosier Hustle. Ms. Barrick presented the Parks Partner Award to Morgan Patton, Clinical Director of AIH.

Ms. Patton addressed the Board and stated that they are very honored to receive this award. She thanked the staff and Board for allowing their organization to be so active in the community and for giving their students the opportunity to gain practical experience on different types of people from children, to adults to canines.

B-3. Staff Introductions

Ms. Killebrew introduced herself and stated that this is her third week as the Sports Division intern. Originally from Evansville, Indiana, she will be graduating in May from Indiana University's School of HPER with a degree in tourism management and a minor in recreation and park administration. She plans to attain her Park and Recreation Professional certification (CPRP) following graduation and then pursue a career in event planning and recreation services.

B-4. Staff Recognitions

Mr. Renneisen stated that he is pleased to acknowledge Ms. McDevitt for her 20 years of service to the department. She started out as a part-time employee within the Recreation Division and has worked her way up through the ranks to her current position as Recreation Services Director. He stated that it has been a great pleasure to work together all of these years.

Ms. McDevitt addressed the Board and thanked them for the opportunity to work for the Department for so many years. She stated that she has had the opportunity to mentor interns and then be able to offer full-time jobs to some of those interns. She has enjoyed seeing new programs develop and grow and after 20 years she still enjoys what she does.

Mr. Turnbull addressed the Board and stated that Ms. Tuttle has worked for the Department for 15 years and she started as a site supervisor at Winslow Sports Complex. In her position as Sports Coordinator she has hired hundreds of seasonal staff during the past 15 years. He added that her service and commitment to the community is second to none.

Ms. Tuttle addressed the Board and stated that it has been a wonderful 15 years and she admires her co-workers and her employees. She looks forward to coming to work in the mornings!

C. OTHER BUSINESS

C-1. Review/Approval of Resolution 08-01 NR Fund Appropriation

Ms. Elmore addressed the Board seeking approval of Resolution 08-01 appropriating the Non-Reverting Fund. She added that this Fund is not approved by the City Council, but is approved by the Board of Park Commissioners. The Non-Reverting Fund is made up of user fees and other fees that are not part of the tax base. The Fund must maintain a positive balance. The proposed 2008 Non-Reverting budget by unit is as follows:

Administration	\$8,008
Community Relations	\$6,600
Aquatics	\$105,639
Frank Southern Ice Arena	\$84,160
Rhino's After School	\$18,464
Golf Services	\$115,951
Natural Resources	\$350
Youth Services	\$200,098
Bloomington Adult Comm Ctr	\$26,295
Community Events	\$91,815
Adult Sports	\$336,588
Youth Sports	\$15,885
Benjamin Banneker Comm Ctr	\$50,546
Adult Services	\$53,521
Inclusive Recreation	\$300
Operations	\$32,131

The total 2008 Non-Reverting budget request is \$1,146,351.

Mr. Coyne made a motion to approve Resolution 08-01 approving the 2008 Non-Reverting Fund budget. Mr. Hoffmann seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-2. Review/Approval of Resolution 08-02 to Appoint Mick Renneisen as the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department

Mayor Kruzan addressed the Board and stated that the Parks and Recreation staff contribute significantly to the quality of life in Bloomington and congratulated the department on their achievement of the National Gold Medal Award. He also thanked the Board for the time they contribute to the community. He stated that Mr. Renneisen is the best manager the City has and his performance and the performance of his staff is a testament to his leadership. Mayor Kruzan stated that it is his pleasure to seek the approval of the Board to approve Mick Renneisen as the Director of Bloomington Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Coyne echoed Mayor Kruzan's remarks on Mr. Renneisen's leadership. He made a motion to approve Resolution 08-02 reappointing Mick Renneisen as the Parks and Recreation Director. Mr. Hoffmann seconded the motion. He added that Mr. Renneisen has taught him much about strategic planning and he admires his leadership abilities. Mr. Carter added that this is definitely one of the best run organizations that he has been in contact with and offered his thanks to Mr. Renneisen. Motion unanimously carried.

C-3. Review/Approval of Employee Conflict of Interest Statement

Mr. Renneisen stated that this is an item that is presented annually to the Board for approval. When Ms. Elmore was hired in 1997 it was determined by the Legal Department that a Conflict of Interest Disclosure be presented to the Board because of the department's on-going financial obligations to Rhino's All Ages Club who employs her spouse, Brad Wilhelm.

Mr. Coyne made a motion to approve the Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement. Mr. Hoffmann seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-4. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Monroe County Public Library

Ms. Brinson addressed the Board seeking approval of the partnership agreement with Monroe County Public Library (MCPL). This partnership allows for the MCPL to offer a satellite library site "Evans-Porter Library Collection" at the Banneker Community Center. This pilot program for the MCPL strengthens their efforts in reaching out to serve neighborhood residents through on-going outreach programs. The MCPL provided the initial deposit collection, shelving and desks, and continues to work toward developing internet access to their entire collection. This is the second year for this partnership and there are no changes to the 2008 agreement.

Mr. Coyne made a motion to approve the partnership agreement with Monroe County Public Library. Mr. Hoffmann seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-5. Review/Approval of Appointments to BACC Advisory Council

Mr. Eads addressed the Board seeking approval of appointments to the BACC Advisory Council. The BACC is comprised of nine appointed BACC members, two ex-officio members and one parks and recreation staff member. The BACC members are appointed to a two year term. Staff recommends the appointment of Jim Holthaus, Pat Reitemeier and James Mantz to the BACC Advisory Council. Their terms will be January 2008-December 2009. Staff recommends the appointment of Lori Brenner with Amedisys Home Health to the BACC Advisory Council as an ex-officio member. He added that there are still two vacancies on the council and staff will continue to seek applicants until those two vacancies are filled.

Mr. Coyne made a motion to approve the appointments to the BACC Advisory Council. Mr. Hoffmann seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Holthaus addressed the Board and presented them with an annual report for the BACC Advisory Council. He stated the 2007 goals for the advisory council: 1) Suggest future facility needs and ideas to parks administration. 2) Continue with work sessions. 3) Advise on facility improvements. 4) Create a more inviting reception area. 5) Research and implement ways to increase the number of members. The advisory council achieved the following accomplishments during 2007. 1) The advisory council submitted a 5 year plan to the parks administration in December 2007 offering suggestions for the current facility and a future facility. This 5 year plan includes short-term, mid-term, and long-term suggestions. 2) The advisory council met for work sessions in March, May, July and September to work on the 5 year plan. 3) The advisory council suggested improvements and layout changes for the annual summer shutdown. 4) The advisory council suggested ways to make the BACC reception area more inviting by creating a greeter desk and by creating a volunteer greeter desk area. 5) The advisory council organized and hosted an open house on September 29, which offered a free membership in October for those interested. 6) The advisory council instituted the Breakfast Café in 2007, with Kroger donating the breakfast items. The first 2008 meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 11. Mr. Holthaus stated that he would like to see the advisory council become more involved in the budget process.

C-6. Review/Approval of Resolution 08-03 to Purchase a Vehicle for the Operations Division

Mr. Boruff addressed the Board seeking approval of Resolution 08-03 to purchase a vehicle for the Operations Division. He stated that a replacement heavy duty truck is needed to transport and dump heavy loads, haul equipment and trailers, and to move the mobile stage. Three quotations were solicited. The low dollar bid for the specified vehicle was submitted by Uebelhor & Sons, Inc of Jasper, Indiana at a total cost of \$39,999. The vehicle is a new 2007 GMC 4500 truck and is in stock at the dealership. Upon Board approval, the truck could be delivered immediately.

Mr. Coyne made a motion to approve Resolution 08-03 to purchase a heavy duty truck for the Operations Division. Mr. Hoffmann seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

D. REPORTS

D-1. Operations Division – 2007 ERAC Annual Report

Ms. Smith addressed the Board and introduced Melissa Clark who is a member of the Environmental Resources Advisory Council (ERAC).

Ms. Clark addressed the Board and updated them on the activity of ERAC during 2007. **Griffy Lake:** She stated that a whole lake treatment of Fluridone was done in 2006 in an effort to eliminate the Brazilian elodea contamination and surveys conducted in 2007 concluded that the treatments were successful. With a few fragments remaining in 2007, an additional, less extensive, treatment was done. The Griffy ramp was reopened in 2007, with additional efforts to educate users on identifying and preventing further spread of the Brazilian elodea. The Griffy Lake master plan is currently being revised, with City Utilities funding \$100,000 of the plan and the Parks and Recreation Department funding \$25,000 of the project. Following a bid process, JF New and Associates was offered the bid to complete the master plan process. The completion of the process should take place in June 2008. **Miller Showers Park:** Ms. Clark stated that Bill Jones has a class that has been doing studies to identify the water quality improvements at this water treatment facility to determine the effectiveness of the plants. Their findings determine that the water quality has improved since the re-design of the park. In addition, the Department has SPEA interns that have researched an integrative algae control approach. The Department continues to capture and release the muskrats to minimize their impact to the plants at the park. **Lower Cascades:** Testing done by IDEM at the Cascades Motorcycle Shop indicated that some clean up was necessary prior to capping off the property. EarthTech has demolished the motorcycle shop and completed the clean up process. Plans include laying asphalt in the spring 2008. **B-Line Trail/McDoel Switchyard:** INDOT has reviewed Phase I which includes native plantings and other aesthetics. Pending approval of the plans, construction is anticipated to begin in the summer 2008. The B-Line Phase II grant was not approved and alternative funding is being sought. **Environmental Education:** Scott Stevenson has worked with several organizations to get 300 6th graders out to Leonard Springs for an environmental education experience. He is currently working to get over 500 6th grade students in the spring and fall for additional environmental education. The Department partnered with the Boys and Girls Club to offer a weekly earth club education series. Additional efforts were implemented to educate the public on the effects of

dumping aquarium vegetation in local water sources. These efforts are intended to prevent further infestations of Brazilian elodea and other invasive aquatic plants. Two new appointments were made to ERAC in 2007: Charles Chancellor, a professor in IU's School of HPER; and Angie Shelton and ecologist with IU's Research and Teaching Preserve.

D-2. Sports Division – No Report

D-3. Recreation Division – 2007 Recreation Report

Ms. McDevitt addressed the Board and presented them with an update on the Recreation Division for 2007. She presented a PowerPoint presentation with highlights from each area in her division. **Adult/Family Services:** Sr. Expo was a huge hit in 2007 with almost 2,000 participants and exhibitors. The travel program took 13 trips including West Baden and French Lick, Kentucky State Fair and two mystery trips. The fitness classes continued to be very popular with all classes reaching maximum numbers. The Summer Food Service Program continues to grow, serving four sites in 2007. A partnership with Boys and Girls Club was created to strengthen the youth basketball program. The highlight of People's University was the "Moonlight Supper on Clear Creek Bridge." The dinner was prepared and served on the Clear Creek Bridge. The Community Garden Program had a productive summer with over 20,000 pounds of fresh produce for the Plant a Row for the Hungry and sold out plots at both Willie Streeter Gardens and Crestmont Gardens. **Community Events:** The Department partnered with Downtown Bloomington Inc to organize the Fourth of July Parade. The Hoosier Hustle was introduced in 2007. The Pumpkin Launch relocated to Thomson Park. The Drool in the Pool event was once again very popular with both humans and canines! The Farmers' Market was extremely popular again in 2007 with a record attendance of over 130,000. The Food Stamp Program, a Farmers' Market book was published, and a new Soup Tasting were all new initiatives in 2007. The Holiday Market attracted 6,000 participants. **Inclusive Recreation:** The Friday Night Social and Power Soccer were new programs introduced in 2007. The staff received a \$4,000 grant which will be used to fund Counselor II positions in 2008. **Youth Services:** The preschool classes experienced a 49.5% increase in participation. Trick or Treat Trail moved to Olcott Park and had 800 people in attendance. The Challenge Course continued its success with 31 user groups in 2007. Rhino's After School had 15 new participants from Kid City Teen X-Treme, 10 new shows on Youth Radio, and put murals on the north side of the BACC. The Kid City camps were highly successful again in 2007. The Recreation Division experienced a reorganization in 2007. The division now has two areas: **Recreation Program Area:** Bev Johnson, Michael Simmons, Anna Weigand, Amy Shrake, Leslie Brinson, Pamala Dunscombe, and Rick Owings. **Community Events Area:** Becky Barrick, Marcia Veldman, Bradley Drake, Sarah Nix, Susie Tempest, and Kristy LeVert. In addition, a new position, Health/Wellness Coordinator, was created to meet the growing needs of the community.

D-4. Sports Division – 2007 Annual Report - DRAFT

Ms. Ramey presented the draft 2007 Annual Report. She asked that the Board review the report and provide her with any updates by Thursday, January 31. The final report will be presented at the February Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Seigle, Secretary Board of Park Commissioners